



April 15, 2011

Dear Friend,

What a stretch this has been!!! For those who receive our emails, we've communicated in spurts. But for those who receive letters by mail only, we haven't been able to touch base for quite some time. We know you are all concerned, praying, and standing with us. The support has been tremendous. Thank you for everything!!!

We want to assure everyone that we're watching news reports closely, especially regarding the radiation issue. We are 285km away from the Fukushima nuclear plant (about 175 miles & 3-hour drive). And we're being very careful. We even have iodine pills handy.

As you can imagine, the triple disaster of earthquake, tsunami and nuclear threat has affected the entire nation. We've spent long hours in prayer and practical service to those in need. We want to do everything we *can* and are *supposed* to do. To the right, you can read about our efforts in terms of disaster relief thus far. Below are updates from the daily ministry side. We've strongly felt the Lord's leading to reach out around us in Yokohama with the same kind of zeal that we are showing in Sendai. The entire nation is hurting, afraid, and looking for answers. **We are here "for such a time as this."** (Esther 4:14)



Using English as an outreach approach isn't new, but this is. **We're trying to "crack the code" of Japanese culture, especially the daunting college Clubs culture.** Our club is twice a week, costs money to join, and yet is extremely fun and relationship-oriented. Please pray!



Many have asked **about our January fundraising trip. Very solid.** Saw many friends & supporters; will catch up with others in the summer. We made up \$650 of our needed monthly pledges! If we can do the same again next trip, we'll get through 2011 without a major crisis. Thank you for praying!



Spring semester started in April, and with it **we're re-launching our youth service.** New time, location, & "electric" atmosphere, including some fancy new lights...
...and more prayer!

Teamwork makes the dream work. We wouldn't be here without you. Thanks for your prayers & support!

GOD BLESS JAPAN!!!

Ted and Lauren